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SUMMARY.AT JANUARY 16 MEETING UNDER AGENDA ITEM I, DPC ENDORSED
FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS TO DECEMBER 1974 DEFENSE MINISTERIAL OUTLINED IN
SYG LUNS' PO/74/170, SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING QUALIFYING REMARKS: A.
LUNS SAID COUNCILOPERATIONS EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC) MAY NOT
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COMPLETE REPORT ON NATO CRISIS MANAGEMENT MACHINERY BEFORE SPRING
DPC MINISTERIAL; B) AMBASSADOR BRUCE SAID SPRING 1975 WORK PROGRAM
SHOULD INCLUDE A STOCK-TAKING ON BASIC ISSUES FORCE IMPROVE-
MENTS; C) AMBASSADOR PECK (UK) SID MINISTERS SHOULD RECEIVE ONLY ONE

DOCUMENT ON MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. SOMEWHAT OUT OF CONTEXT, AMBASSADOR CATALANO (ITALY) ADDRESSED PROBLEM OF COST OVERRUNS ON EDIP AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL MEASURES (ASM) AND PROPOSED COMPLETION OF EDIP WITHIN INFRASTRUCTURE SLICE XXVI. END SUMMARY.

1. IN INTRODUCING PO/74/170 (FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO MINISTERIAL MEETING OF DEFENSE MINISTERS IN DECEMBER 1974-REF F), SYG LUNS SAID WORK ON WINTEX 75 MAY HAMPER COEC COMPLETION OF A REPORT ON NATO CRISIS MANAGEMENT MACHINERY IN TIME FOR SPRING DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING (PARA 6 OF PO). HE ASKED THAT DPC ENDORSE EARLY START ON REPORT BY COEC, WHILE LEAVING COMPLETION DATE TO DISCRETION OF COEC CHAIRMAN, E.E. SPRING 1975, BUT NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1975 MINISTERIAL. AMBASSADOR PECK(UK) HOPED COEC CHAIRMAN COULD PRODUCE A REPORT FOR SPRING MINISTERIAL, SAYING IT COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR BRIEFING MINISTERS ON UNFAMILIAR SUBJECT AND DRAW ATTENTION TO MAIN PROBLEMS. MACBRIEN (CHAIRMAN COEC) SAID COEC WITH A STAFF OF TWO WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY MEETING DEFENSE MINISTERS MASON'S REQUEST FOR A CRISIS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON "WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, WHERE WE ARE, AND WHERE WE ARE GOING." PECK SUGGESTED IF THE INITIAL REPORT WAS A SHORT FACTUAL DOCUMENT, EXCLUDING "WHERE WE ARE GOING," COEC SHOULD HAVE REPORT READY FOR SPRING MINISTERIAL.

2. AMBASSADOR CATALANO (ITALY) MAKING GENERAL REFERENCE TO PARA 4 OF PO (INFRASTRUCTURE) SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT FUNDS REMAINING AVAILABLE FOR ASM UNDER EDIO ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO CARRY OUT EDIP PROGRAM AS PRIGINALLY ENVISIONED. HE THEN RECALLED THAT NATO HAD AGREED TO COVER ANY EDIP REQUIREMENT IN EXCESS OF 150 MILLION WITH NORMAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS. CATALANO SAID HE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CURRENT REVIEW OF MILITARY REQUIREMENTS WITHIN LIMITATIONS OF RECENTLY ESTABLISHED 400 MILLION CEILING FOR SLICES XXVI-XXX (1975-79) WOULD NOT AFFECT SLICE XXVI. HE PROPOSED THAT THE DPC INVITE MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO GIVE FORMAL ASSURANCE THAT NATO WILL COMPLETE THE EDIP ASM WITHIN SLICE XXVI AND COVER ANY FURTHER COST OVERRUNS IN SUBSE-
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QUENT SLICES. SYG LUNS SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER. ADMIRAL SIR PETER HILL-NORTON (CHAIRMAN MC) SAID IAU 400 MILLION CEILING WAS WELL BELOW THAT REQUESTED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES; CONSEQUENTLY, THEY ARE REVIEWING THEIR REQUIREMENTS. HE ASSURED DPC THAT MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAD NOT YET MADE SPECIFIC DECISIONS ON PARTICULAR ITEMS.

3. AMBASSADOR BRUCE (US) DRAWING ON REF A, SAID US BELIEVED WORK THIS SPRING SHOULD INCLUDE A STOCK-TAKING ON BASIC ISSUES FORCE IMPROVEMENTS; HE NOTED PARA 9 OF PO DID NOT SEEM EXPLICIT ON THIS POINT AND ADDED HE WULD ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT AGAIN UNDER AGENDA ITEM III (AD-70)(SEE SEPTTEL). BRUCE NOTED THE PO OMITTED SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO RATIONALIZA-

TION/SPECIALIZATION AND ASSUMED THIS DID NOT REFLECT A DECREASE IN EMPHASIS ON THE SUBJECT. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO SPRING 1975 RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION REPORT TO MINISTERS, WHICH SHOULD REGISTER PROGRESS IN THE THREE STUDIES NOW UNDERWAY. HUMPHREYS (ASYG FOR DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY) REPLIED THAT PO ONLY HIGHLIGHTS SUBJECTS FOR WHICH FOLLOW-UP ACTION IS NOT TAKEN CARE OF AUTOMATICALLY BY THE EXISTING DEFENSE PLANNING MACHINERY.

4. PECK REFERRING TO PARA 2 OF PO (MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE) SAID UK BELIEVED MINISTERS SHOULD ONLY HAVE BEFORE THEM ONE DOCUMENT ON MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. LUNS AGREED BUT SUGGESTED DPC MIGHT APPROPRIATELY INCLUDE SUPPORTING MATERIAL AS AN ANNEX TO BASIC DOCUMENT.
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